

July is National Parks and Recreation Month

The 2017 theme is "Get Your Play On," and we offer a full program of late summer-early fall activities to help people of all ages do just that. Check out The Daily Times on Wednesday, July 26,

to get your copy of the Parks & Rec Fall-Winter Program Tabloid. It will be loaded with information on all kinds of classes, sports and special events for all ages happening between now and February 2018. A big THANK YOU to our community partner, the Daily Times and it's advertisers for sponsoring the twice yearly tabloid and continuing to support our community outreach efforts.



Special Olympics Burger Lunch

The Area 15 Special Olympics Benefit Burger Lunch on July 13 was a big success. Much credit and appreciation goes to our sponsors and groups who donated labor, money, goods and services: Maryville, Alcoa & Blount County Fire Departments, Blount County Sheriff's Office, Reinhart Food Service, Inc., WalMart, Atmos Energy, Crestview Dental Care, The Daily Times, Blount County Sports Hall of Fame, First Baptist Maryville, Maryville-Alcoa Civitans and Parks & Rec. Also a big THANK YOU to the hundreds of people who stopped by for lunch or to pick up a carry-out meal.

Flag Football

for Boys & Girls Ages 6-12

Registration remains open through August 11 for Flag Football. Games will be played on Sunday afternoons for 8 weeks beginning September 10. Participants are evaluated and placed on teams. The \$75 fee includes a game jersey.

Youth Soccer

for Boys & Girls Ages 5-16

Registration remains open through August 11 for Youth Soccer. This program will include "all-girls/all-boys" leagues through Age 12. Each participant will play in every game. Ages 5-6 will play "small-sided" soccer. The \$65 fee includes a game jersey.

NEW PROGRAMS!

Attention Wannabe Treasure Hunters

Check out the new Parks & Rec Geocaching Game. For those of you unfamiliar with this popular activity, the term "Geocaching" refers to the use of a GPS-enabled device, such as a smart phone, to locate a hidden item at a specific location. It's a great activity for families to enjoy together. To learn more about Geocaching and to download your Parks & Rec Geocache Passport, go to http://www.parksrec.com/geocaching.html and let the fun begin.

Intro to Whitewater Kayaking

Parks & Rec is excited to offer this new course. An introduction to the whitewater experience for people age 14 and older, the 3-day course will be held Thursday & Friday evenings and Saturday afternoon, August 10 -12. The first session starts in Springbrook Pool and will enable participants to become familiar with the kayak and learn basic paddle strokes. On the second evening, the class will move to the Ft. Loudoun Lake, paddling around the area of Louisville Point Park. This will be a great opportunity to practice paddling skills and build confidence in water. The final day will be a trip down the scenic Hiawassee River where participants will put their paddle skills to the test on this fun and exciting Class II river. Class size will be limited 12. The course fee is \$100 is led by American Canoe Assoc. Level 4 instructors, Randy and Jo Anne Pasqua. For complete information on times, supplies needed and online registration, go to www.parksrec.com/adult-programs.html#kayaking.



JULY 29, 2017 10am-2pm 221 Hamilton Crossing Drive - Alcoa, TN

Must be registered participant, coach or staff with a youth sports program under the Parks & Rec department

